

State of New Hampshire
NH Department of Environmental Services
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Generator Needs Assessment Project Solicitation

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (Department) is soliciting generator needs assessment project requests. The projects will be aimed at determining generator needs during power losses at New Hampshire community water systems that serve less than 5,000 people. The assessments will determine what type and size generator is needed to either rent or purchase. Projects will be prioritized on a competitive basis with the highest priority given to those that demonstrate the greatest potential for need and provide the most benefit to a water system by reducing vulnerabilities.

Projects will be funded using funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA requires the funds received to be spent on generator needs assessments. Accordingly, the Department intends to hire a contractor to perform the generator needs assessments.

If you are interested in receiving a generator needs assessment please complete the form on the following page and return it to the Department no later than **June 11, 2010**:

NHDES – Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau
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The Department will rank and prioritize projects based on the ranking criteria listed below and will assemble a Request for Proposal (RFP) to allow interested third parties to submit competitive bids for completion of the work. The number of requested projects that will be funded and completed will depend on the pricing of the selected third-party.

All projects selected to receive funding will be notified once a contractor has been selected to complete the work. The assessment will need to be completed no later than December 31, 2011. At this time there are no grant funds available to purchase transfer switches or generators that are identified in the assessment, although the Department continues to seek funding for this purpose.

Eligibility

The recipient of the grant money must be an active New Hampshire community water system serving less than 5,000 people.

Ranking Criteria

- Compliance with DES drinking water regulations
- Quality of water system emergency plan
- System size
- Demonstration of need (times without power, no other backup available, etc.)
- Amount of grants previously received from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau for emergency response type projects

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Required Information

Water System Name: _____

EPA #: _____

Town: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Is there currently any backup power at the water system? _____

If yes, please describe what operations the generator runs and fuel type: _____

Please provide a brief paragraph demonstrating the need for the assessment: _____

Additional Requirements

All grant recipients will be required to work with the third-party contractor to ensure successful implementation of the needs assessment. Following completion of the assessment, the contractor will submit all the generator assessments to the Department to be included in the systems emergency plan.

Questions

- NHDES Staff: Johnna McKenna at 603-271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov